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TSU, FAMU no longer feature item of The 100 Black men of Atlanta

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The game between Tennessee State University and Florida A&M will have a different twist this year.

The game will be played in Atlanta for the third consecutive year but, the game will not be called the Ebony Classic which was sponsored by the 100 Black Men of Atlanta.

According to Bill Thomas, TSU athletic director, the reason the 100 Black Men of Atlanta are not sponsoring the game is because the 100 Black Men of Atlanta along with TSU and Florida A&M could not reach a financial agreement.

"Everybody wanted a bigger slice of the pie," Thomas said.

"It's a snow ball rippling effect. Both of us have the same objective in mind-educating minds- but different methodologies," Thomas said.

This year the game will be held in the Fulton County Stadium where the seating capacity is 59,000. On September 19, TSU had sold only 10,000 tickets and Florida A&M had sold between 12,000-13,000.

"Last year the 100 Black Men of Atlanta received approximately \$2.5 million from the entire event. Ticket sales generated \$936,718.34. TSU received \$200,000 from the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and Florida A&M received \$75,000.

Tomorrow the 100 Black Men of Atlanta will sponsor the game between Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, South Carolina which will be called the Atlanta Football Classic.

The Atlanta Football Classic will be held at Bobby Dodd Stadium where the Ebony Classic was previously held for past two years. The seating capacity for Bobby Dodd Stadium is 43,000.

"When you look at available seating, we could have a larger crowd, but we don't have the local backing of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta," Thomas added. "Some may project this game as being a gamble if attendance is not what we projected."

TSU is spending \$80,000 on advertising for the game in the Atlanta area alone. There is a joint venture between TSU and Florida A&M for advertising and promotion.

Thomas said the projected revenue for TSU is between \$150,000-200,000. "I'd be happy if we walked away with \$150,000, but I'd be comfortable if we got \$200,000," Thomas said.

Greg Carson, student sports information director at South Carolina State, said their are no more tickets in Atlanta for the Atlanta Football Classic, however, there are still a few tickets at South Carolina State.

"It's a tremendous opportunity to face Southern in Atlanta and a great chance to bring in revenue for our school," Carson said.

Southern Athletic Assistant Director Thomius Robinson said the outcome of the game is expected to go very well, and the ticket sales in Louisiana are selling fast.

"We are looking forward to playing in the Classic, and receiving our guaranteed contract of \$225,000," said Robinson.

While South Carolina State is undefeated with a record of 2-0, Southern University is 1-1.

Unlike the Ebony Classic where the

host team received a larger percentage of the profits, both teams participating in the showdown game between Tennessee state and Florida A&M will receive the same amount of money this year.

Thomas said the economic impact the TSU and Florida A&M game will have on the Atlanta area is between \$13-15 million.

scholarships. The proceeds from the Atlanta Football Classic will also go toward scholarships.

Florida A&M has a record of 1-2, while Tennessee State is 0-4.

Both teams have a 1-1 record in

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Husband in dorm stirs students

By TRACY WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

Some residents of Mary Wilson Hall do not understand why the new dormitory director's spouse is allowed to live in the dormitory.

A sophomore Wilson hall resident who wishes to remain anonymous said, "If he's not doing anything useful such as security, then he should not be there."

Walter Graham, a senior, said, "I see a positive side about it. Now that we have a female and male in the dorm, we may soon get co-ed dorms, with the dorm directors setting the example."

Students need to know that in the past dormitory directors' spouses have lived in the residence halls.

Mrs. Bell said, "For many years male residence halls have been staffed with wives and children. Why in 1991, is it questioned whether or not a female director and her family be allowed? I have permission for my family to be here. Not only my husband, but my daughter and grandchild as well. We've been a

family unit for 15 years and we will remain."

respects the residents.

"We have a daughter in college the same age as some of the young ladies in Wilson and he's treating the residents the way he'd like our daughter to be treated," said Mrs. Bell.

Residents said Mrs. Bell's husband keeps to himself.

Ms. Shirley Cody, assistant dormitory director of Wilson hall, said, "One day he walked right by me thinking I was a student and didn't realize who I was until I spoke to him."

Ms. Eleanor Bass, assistant dormitory director of Wilson said, "He's an unobtrusive person and he understands the setting that he's in. When he comes out of the room, he minds his own business as if he were at his home and he's very polite."

The controversy is some students are viewing his residing in Wilson hall as visitation because Wilson is a female dormitory.

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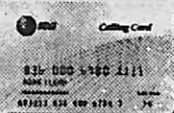
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Features

Remedial courses discourage freshmen, but necessary, says Dr. Reaves

By DALE WILLIAMS
Entertainment Editor

Tennessee State University freshmen are discouraged rather than encouraged because of remedial and developmental courses.

Incoming in-state students at TSU are required to have at least a 2.25 cumulative grade point average and out-of-state students a 2.52 GPA and a 19 composite score on the American College Test.

A student who does not score 19 on the ACT must take the Academic Assessment Placement Test. A student who has a 19 composite score on the ACT, but scores 18 or below in Math or English must take the AAPP test in Math or English.

A student who does not pass the test may be placed in remedial or developmental courses, which are not for college credit. Many freshmen, as well as their

parents, complain that this is not fair because many students do not take standardized tests well.

Many students argue that they graduated in the top of their classes and feel very discouraged because taking remedial and developmental courses is something they never had to do.

However, Dr. Monetha R. Reaves, director of the Remedial/Developmental Program, says students have several opportunities to exit these classes.

The students are first given the AAPP test, then another test at the beginning of the course, a third test and another test at midterm.

"We try to set it up so if they are able, they can get out of the course," said Dr. Reaves. Remedial and developmental courses are supposed to help prepare students so that they can go on to regular classes. However, many freshmen feel the courses are hindering them because they do not receive any college credit for the

courses and cannot move into regular courses until they have completed the remedial and developmental courses.

Dr. Reaves adds that the program is designed to help students become successful. Teachers and advisors agree that it is a lot better for students to find out in the beginning that they lack skills in some areas than to find out when it is too late.

Some students see the issue differently.

"It is true everyone does not test well. I was fortunate to test out of one of these classes. I graduated in the top of my class and I made an 18 on the ACT, I don't feel I should have had to take the AAPP test. However if you don't pass the test, it does not necessarily mean you cannot do the work," said freshman April Cunningham.

Ms. Fannie Perry, coordinator of student development services, says she talks to many students who feel discouraged because of these courses, but

in the long run students realize that the remedial and developmental courses did help them.

Students taking remedial and developmental courses must also take a course designed to help their test taking skills.

"The course is set up so the student is used to taking tests and he can become more relaxed," said Reaves.

"We try to convey to the student not to be discouraged. We are going to have more discussions in these courses about goals and expectations and what it means when you have to take these courses. It does not mean anything negative; it says there are skills that need to be strengthened."

Students in remedial and developmental courses also complain about their peers' reactions. Students who do not understand the program often ridicule those who are in such courses.

Dowdell plays a key role in Tiger success

By LAMONT PAGE
Sports Editor

Marcus Dowdell is not your ordinary football player. Dowdell has no doubt played the superman role for Tennessee State University this season. This "Superman" as in saving the day from total fruitlessness as a football unit. But, Banks High School in Birmingham, Alabama marks a starting point for Dowdell wearing the 'S' on his chest. As a ninth-grader, 1984, Dowdell played B-team football. By the fifth game of the season he moved to varsity. Starting as the varsity running back, Dowdell rushed for five touchdowns. As a sophomore, Dowdell rushed for 400+ yards and seven touchdowns. His junior season, Dowdell rushed for 600+ yards and five touchdowns missing the last part of the season due to injury. As a senior, Dowdell rushed for 600 more yards and eight touchdowns. However, during the same four years Dowdell produced in other

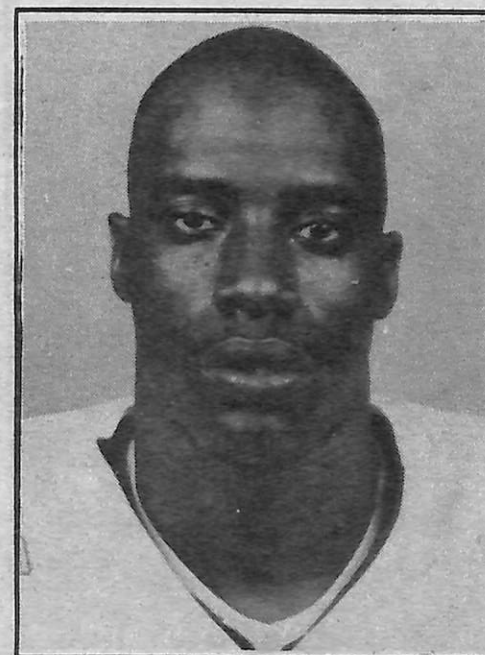
sports. In basketball, Dowdell was starting shooting guard. The basketball team made two state tournament appearances under the leadership of Dowdell. Finally, Dowdell was an all-state track star. He ran 4x100 relay, 100 yard dash, and was a long jumper making state appearances three years straight.

Destined for the college ranks, Dowdell was a true freshman. At the conclusion of his freshman year, he ranked seventh in the nation as return specialist. Later that season, Dowdell was converted to wide receiver. Dowdell started at wide receiver his sophomore year. In the first three games Dowdell has had great performances. He caught his first pass before his home crowd against Jackson State University. That catch was a 68 yard bomb from Bethea to put TSU up seven. Dowdell says, "I felt geeked. It

was my first reception and I was happy because of that."

Dowdell wearing the 'S' will lead his team against Florida A & M University tomorrow in Atlanta, Georgia. He says, "The defense must play hard for us to win." FAMU in passing attack is ranked nationally. Our offense must execute and score. Dowdell realizes his team is young and wants to get the young players focused. He says the media and the showtime label are distractions that the team really does not need.

FAMU has two great running backs nationally ranked. "If we win, it will be an inspiration to the team and a definite turn around." In his leisure time, Dowdell enjoys playing spades, meeting people and going to parties.



Player of the Week: Marcus Dowdell

Briefs...

It's that time again! Time for auditions for the annual Battle of the Dorms Talent Show.

The Battle of the Dorms, sponsored by the Student Union Board of Governors, will be holding auditions

but

will also be opening up the competition to include outside participants.

However, the SUBG stressed the importance of student participation. "My goal is to have more people participating in the Talent Show," says Monica Oliver,

tion, should prove to be a fun and entertaining event for the city of Nashville as well.

A Matter of Opinion

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Tigers need "changing of the guards"

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The Tennessee State University football team exemplifies a team going through an identity crisis.

Sitting in the top of William J. Hale Stadium watching the tigers let another game slip away to Grambling State University, I am also having an identity problem. I am wondering who is this team dressed in red, white and blue and playing with crippled quarterbacks. Is this the same team that was predicted to finish to third in the Ohio Valley Conference? Hmmmmm!!!!

TSU has never began a season with an 0-4 record since 1962 when they only managed one victory in nine games. The 93 points surrendered during the first three games to Mississippi Valley State University, Middle Tennessee State University and Jackson State University are the most points ever given after three games in tiger history.

While watching the tigers lose one heartbreaker after another, I can only imagine the TSU teams that established the rich tradition that placed us on the map. The attitude and desire

Since 1987 the overall record is 18-27-1.

The success of the team does not fall squarely on the shoulders of the coaching staff. The football team is no longer comprised of the Larry Kinnebrews', the "Too Tall" Jones', Cleveland Elams', Claude Humphreys' and Robert Reeds. Guys of this caliber are often caught by the major institutions who offering television contracts and bowl appearances. Regardless of the recruiting wars, the scenario remains, TSU is losing week after week.

Although Proposition 48 and Proposal 42 are stymieing predominantly black institutions, there simply is not an excuse that anyone on the coaching staff can offer because we are not the only institution being affected by the changing of times.

The football team needs help. It seems as though Coach Joe Gilliam, Sr. is going to have the team his or take the highway. I see guys standing on the sidelines dressed in street clothes simply because they could not make "the track." Where is pre-season ALL-OVC pick Shanks? Gilliam has also been known to

program. How can making a track time determine someone's ability. Does Lou Holtz, coach of Notre Dame, make everyone run a track time and if so, did all the running backs have to keep with "Rocket" Ismail.

I truly believe that Gilliam is putting is his best foot forward and that he really wants a successful football team. I also believe that he needs to see the commercial on television that says "Know when to say when."

Gilliam exploded on the coaching scene in 1952 as a high school coach in Kentucky before eventually joining up with the legendary John A. Merritt at JSU in 1955, 1956 and venturing to TSU in 1963.

Sometimes accepting the truth really hurts. Life is tough and the average person has a stubborn streak a mile long that runs through their body. We never want to admit to ourselves and definitely not others that maybe our teaching methods are a little outdated. The rejection of this point makes people learn the hard way.

Manning Marble: Along the Color Line

The current generation of African-American youth is in jeopardy. Unemployment, drugs, and black-on-black violence create an environment of instability for young people in our cities. Black educators in Detroit have responded with an ambitious and controversial proposal to save young black males and to improve the quality of education.

Dr. Clifford Watson, a black elementary school principal in Detroit has proposed the initiation of three "Afrocentric" grade schools, involving 560 inner city boys. The proposed names of these schools--Malcolm X Academy, Marcus Garvey Academy and Paul Robeson Academy--were designed to reinforce racial pride and cultural consciousness. The curriculum was designed to emphasize Afrocentric values and heritage; special Saturday classes and tutorials were offered in specific subjects. Anchoring the concept would be the presence of articulate and culturally aware black male educators, serving as mentors, instructors and disciplinarians. In the proposal, the Robeson Academy was to

be all-male, with the other schools making this transition over a period of time. Last February, the Detroit School Board reviewed the controversial proposal, and offered its approval by a vote of ten to one.

Opposition surfaced from several quarters. The American Civil Liberties Union and the National Organization for Women Legal Defense Fund went to Federal district court this August to successfully block the implementation of the plan, fundamentally on the grounds that it specifically discriminated against black female students. The Michigan branch of the ACLU's executive director, Howard Simon, argued against Watson's approach: "There is clearly a crisis, but the crisis is all urban school children. These schools may open up a whole new world for these boys. That world should be open to girls too." Watson countered in television interviews that the manifestations of this urban crisis were particularly devastating to young black males, who compromised the overwhelming majority of those engaged in criminal activity and violence in the city, and ninety percent of all students expelled from the school system. Black Feminists and others aligned with NOW's Legal Defense Fund

and the ACLU were either "Uncle Tom's" or the active agents of white supremacy.

Where some Afrocentric educators such as Watson error is their argument that a system of instruction which specifically excludes black females will contribute constructively to an environment in which young black males can be saved. A coeducational setting could accomplish even more, all things being equal. Young black males could be challenged to interact with their sisters not from the basis of male chauvinism but with respect. They could begin to acquire the values essential in a responsible approach to social relations, including sexuality and child raising. By dividing their project on the basis sex, they indirectly contribute to the tensions and contradictions which already fuel problems between black males and females--which is directly against the interests of the African-American community as a whole.

Department of Energy plans changes

According to Reggie Williams, Executive Director of Tennessee State and Florida A&M game, tickets are selling extremely well.

"We are expecting at least 47,000, and some tickets will still be available tomorrow" said Williams.

"Both schools felt that Atlanta was a great market. Both institutions have a large number of students from the area and a large alumni. The administration decided that we would play in Atlanta and we're handling the arrangements ourselves," Thomas said.

Thomas hopes both games are successful as far as revenues are concerned. He also hopes TSU and Florida A&M and the 100 Black Men of Atlanta can come to an agreement in the future. "The game was not good for both parties this time," Thomas said.

"I think people come to the game for the entire packet, not just the band or the football game, Thomas said.

Thomas added that the TSU and Florida A&M game has the potential to draw crowds and revenue similar to the Bayou Classic. Southern and Grambling State University are the two teams that participate in the classic.

Estimated revenue from the Bayou Classic last year was \$1 million.

The 100 Black Men of Atlanta is a charitable organization that strives to instill in its members the importance of community and civic affairs, member Casdell Singleton said.

"The main objective is Supportive Project Success. Through Supportive Project Plus the men adopt an eight grade class in the Atlanta public schools and monitor the students throughout high school. After the students graduate from high school, the 100 Black Men provide scholarships for the students to college," Singleton said.

All proceeds from the previous Ebony Classic went toward tuition

Stephanie Horton Kawinzi
STAFF WRITER

Plans are in the making by the Department of Energy (DOE) for a "superplant", called Complex 21, to remanufacture nuclear weaponry into more lethal and sophisticated weapons by the year 2015. Oak Ridge, Tennessee is one of two sites under serious consideration; the other is Amarillo, Texas.

For the first time in history, August 28-29, the DOE held public hearings in Oak Ridge to gauge reaction to its nuclear weapons policies and proposed operations. The hearings were a result of a citizens group action suit and part of a process called the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). After DOE announced its plans to relocate its Rocky Flats plutonium facility in Colorado, which is too contaminated to use and which citizens, government agencies and businesses in Colorado voted must go, a group of concerned citizens sued and won the right to obtain information and voice opinions

about DOE plans. Information about Rocky Flats required requests through the Freedom of Information Act process.

Ordinary citizens, students, labor union workers, environmentalists, local politicians and peace activists raised myriad issues at the Oak Ridge hearings. Among key issues raised by those opposed to DOE's plans: The state of existing nuclear weapons facilities, many of which have been shut down for health, safety and environmental reasons; the hundreds of tons of existing explosive and highly toxic radioactive wastes, cleanup costs estimated in the hundreds of billions and incalculable cancer deaths; the additional environmental hazards to Oak Ridge where existing nuclear operations (uranium, arsenic, vinyl chloride etc.) already heavily contaminate the soil, water and air; the economic factor involved at a

time when so many Americans face homelessness, extreme poverty, an education crisis, a health care crisis and insecure job future; the implications of continued deployment compelling the Soviets to continue to build more destructive bombs to compete with the United States.

The argument in support of DOE boiled down to two words: jobs and money. Particularly visible and vocal, labor union workers rejected the charge of "economic blackmail" asserted by environmental activists, who feel that because of the economic boom Complex 21 will provide the area, the union is turning a blind eye to the grim and chilling statistics surrounding the nuclear industry. Union workers insist they know the score and are capable of effectively handling all technical phases of nuclear production.

According to DOE spokespersons, the government's commitment to nuclear weapons into the twenty first century is "a prime component of national security". As one union worker said, "Somebody's gotta get it because they're gonna put it somewhere- why not here? This is one job I know will be around for a good while." This statement is the crux of the other side's

argument. Opponents of the nuclear industry strongly believe that the long term consequences of radioactive wastes, which will be around for many lifetimes, will be devastating to the environment and disastrous to living beings.

The public has until September 30, 1991 to express opinions which will influence DOE's final decision. Whichever way you come down on this issue, THE METER urges you to exercise this recently gained right. Send your written comments or requests for further PEIS information to:

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Transfer student enjoys TSU

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Imagine being far away from home, starting a brand new school and barely knowing a soul. You have no car and are not even sure you would know where to go if you did. For many of our out of state students here at T.S.U. it does not take much of an imagination to relate with the thought of that. However, imagine being from a different country, a different culture and a different style of life. Although it would be quite an adjustment, one Englishman seems to be handling it pleasantly well.

Meet Paul Harris, a 20 year old junior from North Devon, England. Paul is

currently majoring in Accounting and Finance. He is a foreign exchange student, who studied at Plymouth before coming to T.S.U..

When asked what he thought about T.S.U. and the surrounding area, he had this to say. "It is so different from home. That is what is so intriguing. I mean if I wanted to stay in a similar culture I would have stayed at home. But I wanted this experience and as far as I am concerned this is great."

Paul seems to be enjoying his experience here at T.S.U. and in Nashville. Although it is apparent Paul seems to be happy here, he does get a bit bored, not having a car and all, and wishes he had access to more things to do on his free time.

Dorm husband in Wilson Hall upsets some women residents

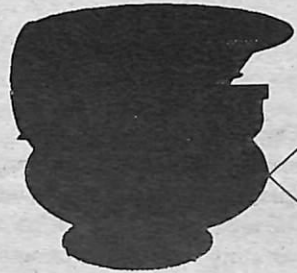
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Mrs. Bell said Elizabeth Lewis, director of residence life, and the administration were aware that she was bringing her family with her when she accepted the position.

"I have an open door policy and students can come in and talk to me with any suggestions to make Wilson a better place to live. I'd really like to change the reputation of Wilson being called "the zoo."

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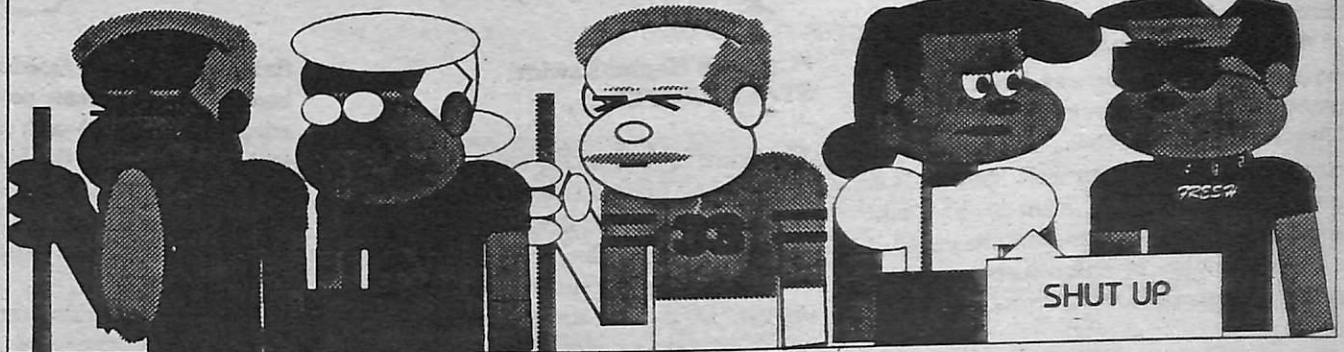
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Dale Williams
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College proves to be a game at any age

MARY SUE BELL
Staff Writer

During my first semester at Tennessee State University, I made a surprising discovery: College is for kids.

Copying notes, borrowing paper and pencils, throwing paperwads, and talking in class are not just for fourth-graders.

Having graduated from high school in 1966, I expected some difficulty in adjusting to college, but I found it especially hard adapting to being treated like a child.

Since I am the mother of young adults, I shouldn't have been surprised to learn that freshmen act like children. A classmate named Angela was absent for so long I thought she had dropped out; to my surprise, Angela showed up six weeks before the semester ended and worked hard to catch up on school work.

One day when we were voting whether to have a test Friday or Monday, we woke up Michael, who was snoring, so

he could vote and break the tie. Another day, my history teacher was upset because students were not bringing their textbooks to class. He had everyone who had their book line up in front of the class. I proudly marched to the front, book in hand.

I was reminded of my elementary and high school days when I listened to students mock the teachers behind their backs. Then one night, at home I demonstrated to my husband how one of my teachers walked and talked. Sticking my hands in my pockets, lowering my head and speaking in a serious tone, I paced back and forth across the living room floor. "Young scholars, let us begin today's class by initiating a review."

As a mature adult, I assumed that when a class period ended, I could stand up and walk to my next class. I didn't know that I had to wait to be dismissed. Imagine my chagrin when one day in English class I arose from my desk, slung my bookbag over my arm and started toward the door.

"Going somewhere?" the teacher bellowed.

"It's time for my next class," I meekly replied.

"You know something?" he

asked, checking his watch, "You're exactly right."

From then on, I waited to be dismissed.

It was hard for me to adapt to teachers and personnel acting as if I might cheat or steal. On test days, we students were sometimes asked to move our desks away from one another. The first time I visited the campus bookstore, I didn't know--until I was sternly reprimanded--that I was expected to leave my bookbag in one of the cubbyholes in front of the store while I shopped.

Finally, I had to remember that the younger students were being trained for a life I already have lived. To help myself adjust, I pretended I was one of them, and I learned to play games.

For example, when I studied for tests, I remembered subject matter by practicing word association. Who is responsible for creating the iconoscope TV pickup tube? Vladimir K. Zworykin. Since I worry a lot and constantly pick up after my husband and son, I related pickup to the pickup tube and worrying to "wory" in Zworykin.

Another game I learned was to watch out for trickery in tests. Often, a question is stated as "Which answer is NOT correct?" Why would I want to

know which one is wrong when I'm trying to remember which one is right? I learned that Andrew Jackson's "pet" banks were NOT for monkeys and bears, and the Trail of Tears did NOT refer to Rachel Jackson's funeral procession.

Despite the adjustment, my first college semester presented, I enjoyed returning to school. Many of the teachers and students became my friends. I was flattered when Michael asked me to listen to a song he had recorded and when Angela asked to borrow my notes.

I love being called a "young scholar," and it really boosts my husband's ego when he brags to his friends that he is involved with a college girl.

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America wake up , the dream is over

By Reverend Martin W. Stephens

"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." (Romans 13:11)

In the life of every man or woman, regardless of race, color, or creed, is the unavoidable influence of time. Time is the measure of our situation and circumstances. So, when we are about to get into something, a brother or sister will say, "You know what time it is." Also, time and actions are interrelated. For example, if you go to the beach at four am.0 looking for a sun tan, you will probably be out of luck. The Bible says, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." In other words, whatever we do must be done at the proper time. If done at the proper time, our actions should manifest our desired intent. The aforementioned scripture warns us of the time and what must be done. So, I ask, "What time is it, brothers and sisters?" Not by the chromos measured by your new Rolex,

but by the kairos measured by quality experiences.

Regardless of where we come from all of us share one action in common: we have come to Tennessee State University to get an education. If our only motivation for staying is material gain and "gettin' mine", we are not in tune with the time. If we do nothing, but party, shoot ball, down a couple of 40's, and creep, we are not in tune with the time. If going to class represents a fashion show, we are not in tune with the time and what MUST be done in such times. What time is it?

"And do this, knowing the time..." Do what? For all of us, there is a higher calling, than our educational systems would lead us to believe. Reading and quoting Shakespeare is alright, but what about James Baldwin or Langston Hughes? Reading about a genius name Einstein is alright, but what about the more profound man named Cheik Anta Diop? The knowledge of the Greeks is worthy of study, but what about their

Masters - The Egyptians (your folk)? We close our eyes and still envision a blue-eyed, blond-haired Jesus. Personally, I have no problem with Jesus looking like that, but the Bible says, "The hair of his head was like lamb's wool...his body was also like beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamp of fire, and his arms and his feet like the voice of a multitude." What time is it? To us, who have the opportunity to change the hypocrisy of this world through education, there is a higher calling for all of us to help our brother & sisters, who can't help themselves.

But, if we are not economically, politically and socially conscious of the time, we can not help anybody. "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep..." What time is it, brothers & sisters? Look at your present environment. There is a huge lesson in this university. In 1909, Tennessee A & I was founded for black people as a form of reparation (compensation for wrong or injury) for slavery. Now, the state is

taking back what you thought was yours. Now, we have all these marvelous structures going up slowly but steadily (doesn't the Chemistry building look immaculate?), while we are systematically being extracted from our only place of refuge like an infected wisdom tooth that must go.

We, as the up and coming generation, have got to start using what we get educationally to build for our people. When we take our degree and "mainstream", we do nothing but feed the same "peculiar institution" that has existed since we first set foot in the Western Hemisphere. It's time-out for fighting before, during, and after every campus function. You can't eradicate schools, factories, etc. by eliminating one another. It's time to tolerate, respect, love one another and BUILD! But, you can't build "high" either. Brothers and sisters, if I can be converted from destructive behavior, anybody can! "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time that when we first believed." Marcus Garvey explosively articulated, "Up you mighty

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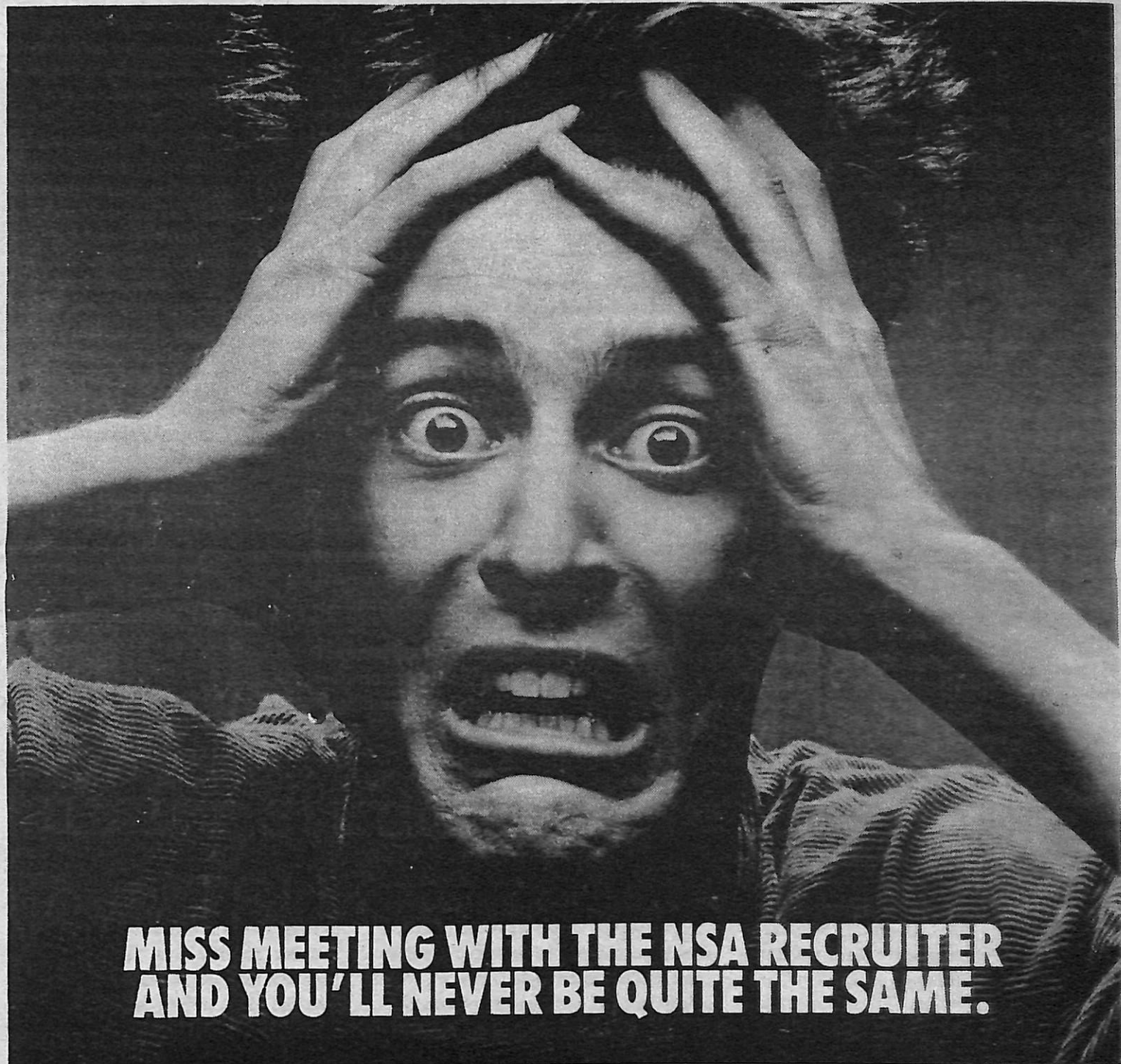
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Student leaders address issues

By STACEY GRUNDY
Staff Writer

The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Chi chapter, held a nighttime entitled "Leadership on Campus."

The nighttime gave the student body an opportunity to address problems to student leaders.

Although many students said there is a need for members of Greek-letter organizations to unite on campus, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Alpha chapter, President Dwayne Mayfield said they are working towards unity, but it takes time.

Students said that *if members of Greek-*

letter organizations show unity in the public eye, members of non-Greek letter organizations will also unite.

Miss Tennessee State University, Anderia Steward, said if all of the students had a positive attitude about TSU, we would become more united.

Darryl McClain, SGA president, said, "Unification is idealistic, utopian."

Problems such as student involvement and student elections were also discussed.

A student said students in the 60s and 70s were more united and involved than students in the 80s and 90s. Another student added that in the past they struggled, now we do not have to struggle.

But McClain said, "I can tell you that there's going to be a party, alcohol

will be served, and the place will be packed. But it will be totally different at an SGA meeting. We must be seekers of information in an information age."

Students said that it is ironic that most of the Student Election Commission is made up of sorority and fraternity members.

Steven Shipp, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., said, "Politics are not clean, let's be realistic. If one of my boys is running for something, I'm going to fix my boy up."

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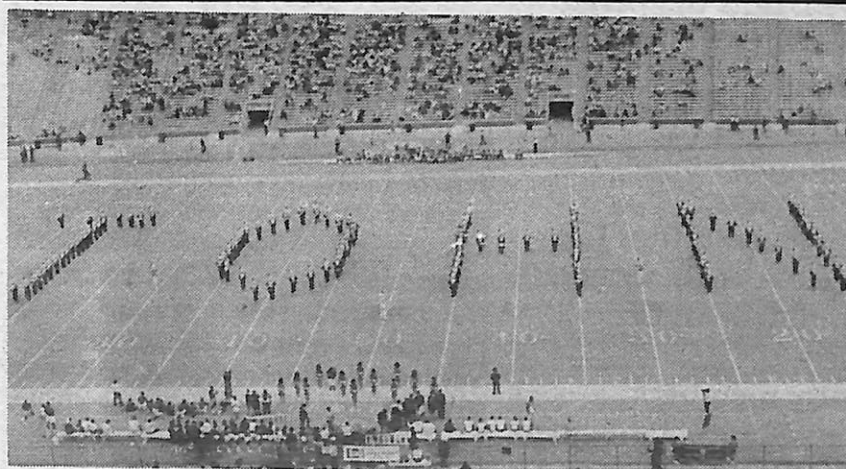
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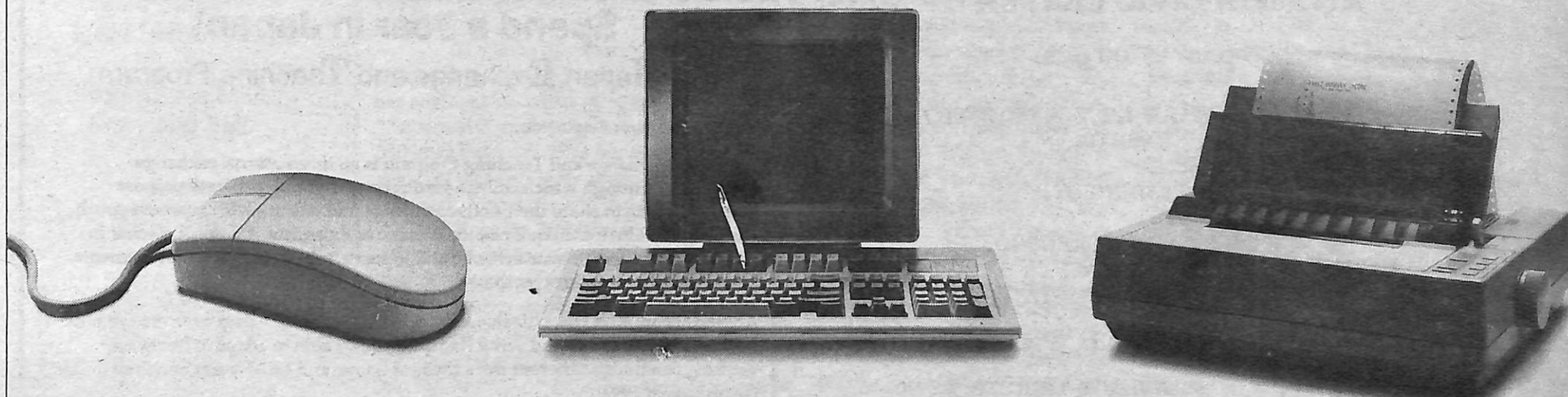
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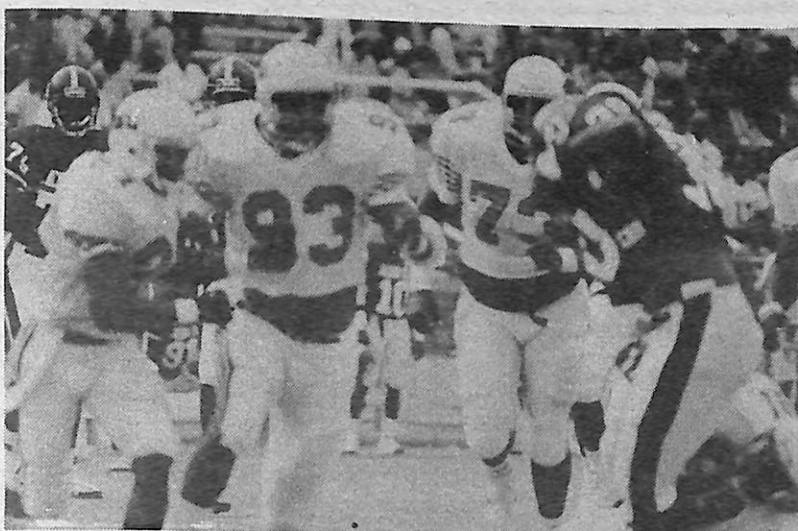
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